

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 793

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 1999

Mr. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Sherrice Iverson Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT ON STATES RECEIVING GRANTS FOR**  
 2 **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION**  
 3 **AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 106(b)(2) of the Child  
 5 Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C.  
 6 5106a(b)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at  
 8 the end;

9 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period  
 10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(E) an assurance in the form of a certifi-  
 13 cation by the chief executive officer of the State  
 14 that the State has in effect and is enforcing a  
 15 State law providing for a criminal penalty on an  
 16 individual 18 years of age or older who fails to  
 17 report to a State or local law enforcement offi-  
 18 cial that the individual has witnessed another  
 19 individual in the State engaging in sexual abuse  
 20 of a child.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 22 subsection (a) shall take effect on December 31, 2004.

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